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SUBJ: NIMEIRI'S PUBLIC STATEMENT ON OIL PROSPECTS FOR SUDAN

1. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI TOLD SUDANESE IN SPECIAL INTERVIEW PUBLISHED JULY 5 THAT VERY HIGH QUALITY OF CRUDE OIL HAS BEEN DISCOVERED, BUT THAT AMOUNT WHICH CAN BE EXPLOITED IS STILL UNKNOWN. NIMEIRI SAID LABORATORY ANALYSIS HAD PROVED HIGH QUALITY OF OIL FROM UNITY NO. 1 AND THAT EXPERIMENTAL WORK ON THAT WELL HAS BEEN COMPLETED. WITH GRAVITY OF 38.2 AND TEN TO TWELVE PERCENT WAX CONTENT AND NO SULPHUR, SUDANESE OIL COULD BE COMPARED WITH INDONESIAN CURDE, NIMEIRI SAID. DRILLING HAS BEGUN ON TWO OTHER WELLS NAMED MAY 25 AND BONG WELLS. BOTH WILL BE COMPLETED BY NEXT OCTOBER AND "BY THEN WE COULD DETERMINE THE VOLUME OF OUR OIL."

2. COMMENT: IN LAST FEW WEEKS SHORTAGE OF PIUUQTN KHARTOUM HAS BEEN MORE ACUTE THAN USUAL AND PUBLIC MORALE HAS NOT BEEN BOOSTED BY HARDSHIPS OFTEN BLAMED ON UBIQUITOUS PREPARATIONS FOR OAU MEETINGS. NIMEIRI CAREFULLY
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ADDRESSED ONCE AGAINFALSE RUMORS OF VAST OIL DISCOVERIES THAT WILL SOLVE ALL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.
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